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3 **CITY OF ESPAÑOLA, NEW MEXICO**
4 **RESOLUTION 2003-04**
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8 In 1943, under the auspices of the University of California, and during the
9 greatest time of world crisis, a group of scientists and engineers came to Northern New
10 Mexico to develop tools to defeat the Axis powers that plagued the planet. And working
11 side-by-side with them were hundreds of people from the Española and Pojoaque
12 Valleys, Santa Fe and other Northern New Mexico communities who toiled to ensure that
13 peace was achieved; and
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15 **Whereas**, because of the valiant efforts of all these men and women the Axis was
16 defeated and the world achieved peace; and
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18 **Whereas**, the University of California and the Los Alamos National Laboratory has a
19 long history of service to the nation and its people; and
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21 **Whereas**, since the beginning, the University of California has operated the Los Alamos
22 National Laboratory; and
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24 **Whereas**, the Laboratory has significantly contributed to the safety and security of this
25 nation, and has provided employment for thousands of workers over its 60-year history
26 from across the region; and
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28 **Whereas**, the University of California and the Los Alamos National Laboratory have
29 been good neighbors to the Española Valley and other surrounding communities, and
30 currently employ over 2,300 people from Rio Arriba County alone; and
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32 **Whereas**, the University of California provides opportunities to our children for
33 employment and educational support; and
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35 **Whereas**, the partnership between the University of California, the Los Alamos National
36 Laboratory and this community has been a blessing to many active workers and to
37 thousands of retirees over the past 60 years; and
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39 **Whereas**, the University of California and the Los Alamos National Laboratory play a
40 vital part in the lives of thousands of people in Northern New Mexico; and
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42 **Whereas**, the benefits to these individuals, their children and local businesses include,
43 good wages, tuition assistance for workers, tuition assistance for workers' children,
44 strong purchasing power in Northern New Mexico, education programs at local schools,
45 mentoring programs, student worker programs, good health care benefits, good benefits
46 to retirees, and so on; and

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2 **Whereas**, the loss of the University of California as an operator of the Los Alamos
3 National Laboratory would be detrimental to this country and this region; and
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5 **Whereas**, the dastardly deeds of a few Laboratory workers should not overshadow the
6 progress and stability the University of California and the Los Alamos National
7 Laboratory have achieved for six decades.
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9 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the City of
10 Española, believe it is imperative that the University of California maintain the contract
11 for the management of the Los Alamos National Laboratory because it makes good
12 business sense, and we, the governing body of the City of Española, wholeheartedly
13 petition the Secretary of the Department of Energy to maintain and renew the operations
14 contract between the University of California and the Department of Energy for the
15 operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory.
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18 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4th day of FEBRUARY 2003.**
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22 Richard L. Lucero, Mayor
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25 **ATTEST:**
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Renee G. Archuleta, City Clerk